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R 030017Z APR 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY DAKAR  
INFO AMCONSUL MONTREAL  
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MONTREAL FOR U.S. REP ICAO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, ICAO

SUBJECT: DAKAR FIR-ICAO

REF: MONTREAL 455

1. MARCH 30 SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR COULBARY TELEPHONED  
AF/W TO ASK FOR A SUMMARY OF THE US POSITION ON THE  
DAKAR FIR. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK SUCH A  
SUMMARY BECAUSE THE DAKAR FIR WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN  
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MONTREAL "NEXT WEEK".

2. AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AF/W REPLIED  
AS FOLLOWS: THE UNITED STATES IS INCLINED TO CONTINUE  
TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF THE DAKAR FIR AS IT IS  
PRESENTLY DEFINED IN THE EXPECTATION THAT FURTHER IMPROVE-  
MENTS WILL TAKE PLACE. WE EXPLAINED TO COULBARY THAT THE

US POSITION HAD NOT CHANGED BUT THAT IN VIEW OF THE RESULTS OF THE AIR NAVIGATION COMMISSION'S DELIBERATIONS THE UNITED STATES WAS CAREFULLY REEXAMINING THE TECHNICAL ELEMENTS OF THE POSITION. WE ALSO INFORMED COULBARY THAT IT WAS THE DEPT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT CONSIDERATION OF THE AIR NAVIGATION COMMISSION'S REPORT NEXT WEEK IN MONTREAL WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT REQUIRE A VOTE OR A STATEMENT OF POSITION ON THE DAKAR FIR. WE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT

OUR BEST ESTIMATE WAS THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE QUESTION WOULD NOT ARISE FOR DECISION IN MONTREAL BEFORE THE END OF MAY. WE PROMISED TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH COULBARY AND TO INFORM HIM OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE US POSITION. COULBARY WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE INFORMATION AND UNDERTOOK TO REPORT IT TO DAKAR.

3. FYI. ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOT RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENTS BUT MAY DRAW ON AS NECESSARY IF QUESTIONED. END FYI.

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